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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement based on a European Search Report dated April 2, 2002.

EP 0 343 942 has been cited under Category X with the abstract stated to be relevant to European claims 1 to 4 with the reference cited under Category A as to claims 5 - 12. The reference discloses a fastening means for constructional elements such as extrusions.

DE 41 08 175 has been cited under Category X as to European claims 1 - 4. The reference discloses an attachment device for channel section rails with a special nut with grooves which engage edges of flanges. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

U.S. 5,116,161 has been cited under Category X as to European claims 1 - 4 and under Category A as to European claims 5 - 12. The reference discloses a corner joint between two



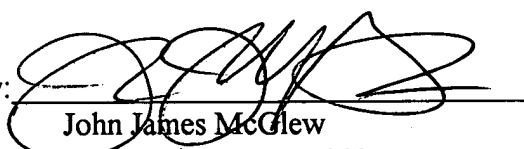
sections having a C-shaped attaching portion by means of a corner connector and angle piece for producing the point.

U.S. 5,839,787 has been cited under Category X as to European claims 1 - 4 and under Category A as to European claims 5 - 12. The reference discloses a seat assembly for mass transit vehicles.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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